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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

	Ian S. Malpass, et al.	)	
Serial No.:	10/662,956	)	Group Art Unit: 1772
Filing Date:	September 15, 2003	)	Examiner: Donald J. Loney
Title:	Slip Resistant Mat	)	Confirmation No.: 1044

Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004 (and with a petition requesting a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee to extend the due date to December 25, 2004), the Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 5.**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Attn: Examiner Loney, GAU 1772, Facsimile No. (703) 872-9306 on December 22, 2004.

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